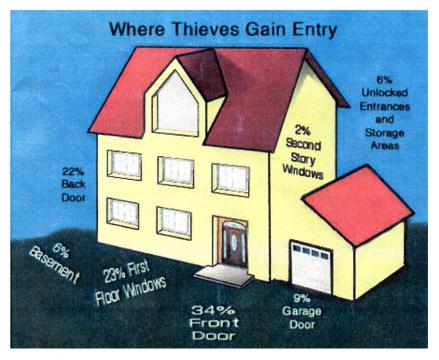


## HOME BURGLARY PREVENTION TIPS





A Home is burglarized using the above listed entry methods according to national statistics.

Below are some home burglary prevention tips to help reduce your chances of having your home burglarized.

- Lock all windows and doors (Interior Garage door, storm doors, sliding doors, etc.)
- Have a fence? Lock the entry gate with a padlock.
- Turn on exterior lights (Driveway, front & back porch, basement, etc.)
- Install deadbolts to all entry doors if possible ( use longer screws when installing strike plate to door frame)
- Trim trees and bushes away from windows.
- Remove objects in yard that could be used to make forced entry (tools, ladders, bricks, large rocks, etc.)
- Install an audible or monitored alarm system w/ yard sign if possible
- GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS! Neighbors that watch out for each other produce neighborhoods criminals tend to leave alone.
- Record serial numbers for all firearms, power tools, bicycles, portable electronics, TV & stereo equipment.
- Keep photographs and put personal identification markings on any valuables.
- DO NOT leave boxes or packaging of items outside the night before garbage pickup, instead break the boxes down and place outside the morning of.
- Going on vacation or short getaway? Have someone check on your home: neighbors, friends or police.
  Stop the mail / paper delivery, place light on timers, have a neighbor bring in garbage cans. DO NOT post on social media: travel details or pictures UNTIL you are home.



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